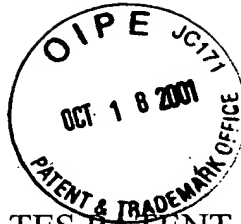
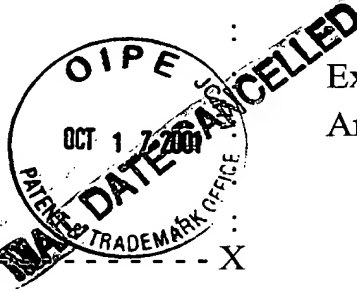


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DECLARATION

I am the inventor of the above identified patent application. Attached are photographs of two of the elongated lids disclosed in the application. Exhibits A and B are plan views of the bottom and top respectively of a shorter rectangular lid and Exhibit C is a perspective view of the bottom of the lid. This lid corresponds with the lid of Figs. 1 and 2 of the application. Exhibit D and E are plan views of the bottom and top respectively of an elongated rectangular lid and Exhibit F is a perspective view of the elongated rectangular lid. This lid corresponds with the lid of Figs. 5 and 6 of the application. The lids of the application all have recesses which allows thick and strong lids to be formed of plastic as pointed out in the application. The slanted angular surfaces of the elongated recesses act to give support to pressure or loads applied to the tops of the lids and hence contribute to the formation of very strong plastic lids.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting patent.

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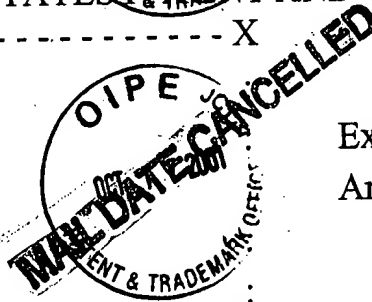
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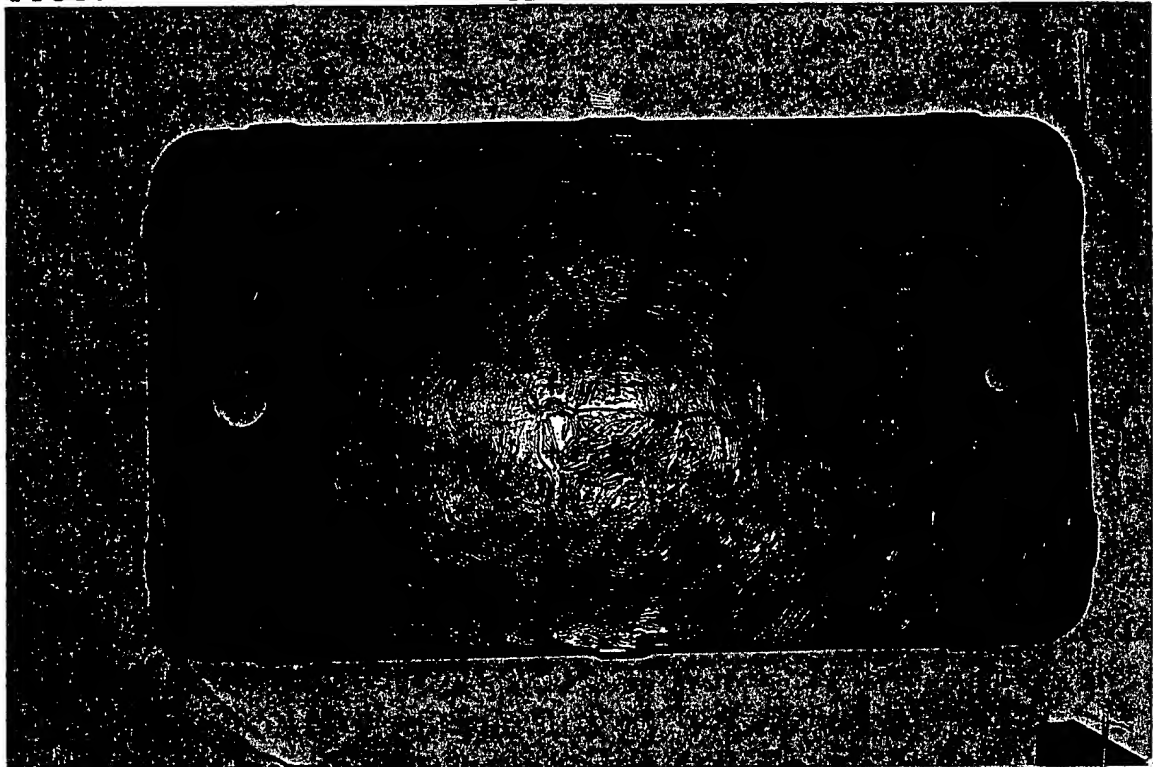
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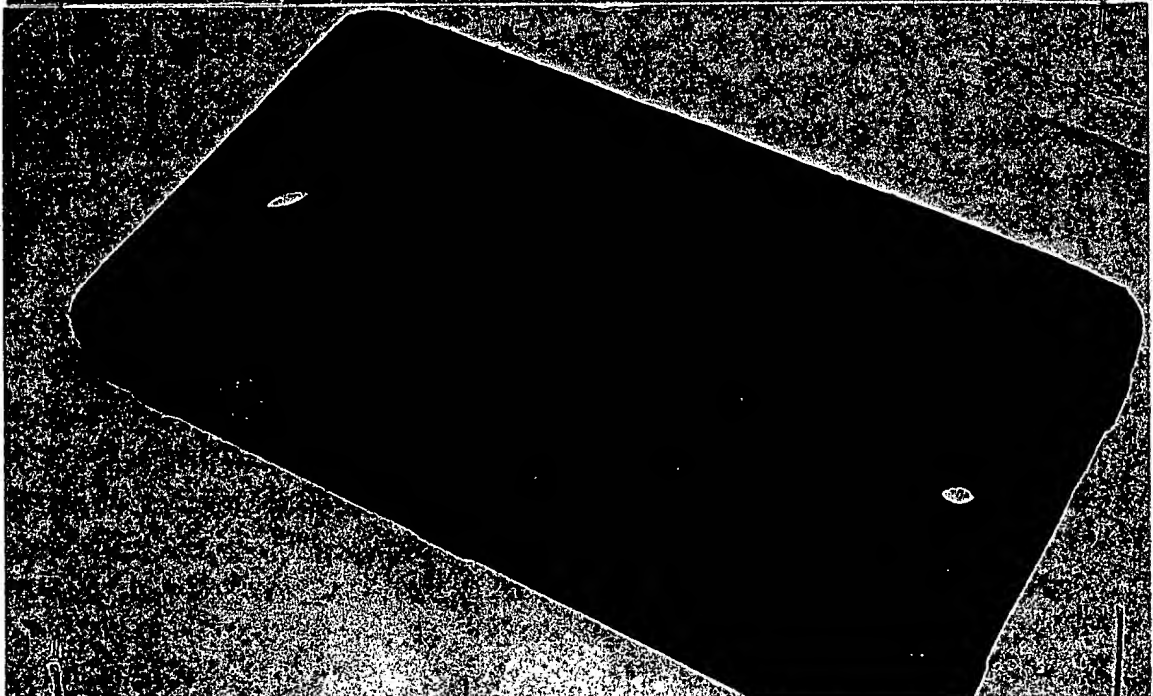
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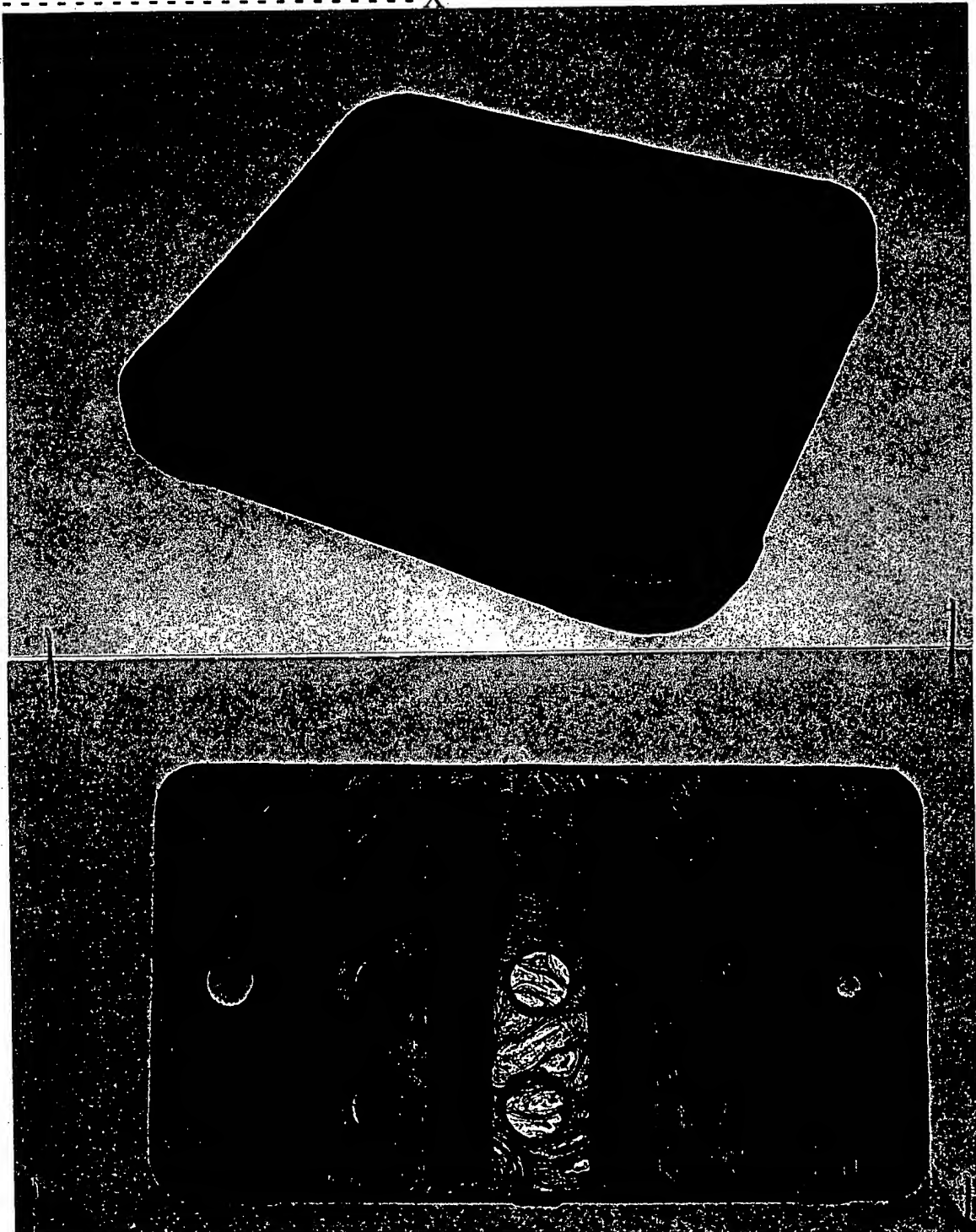
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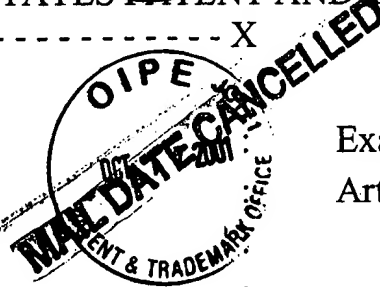
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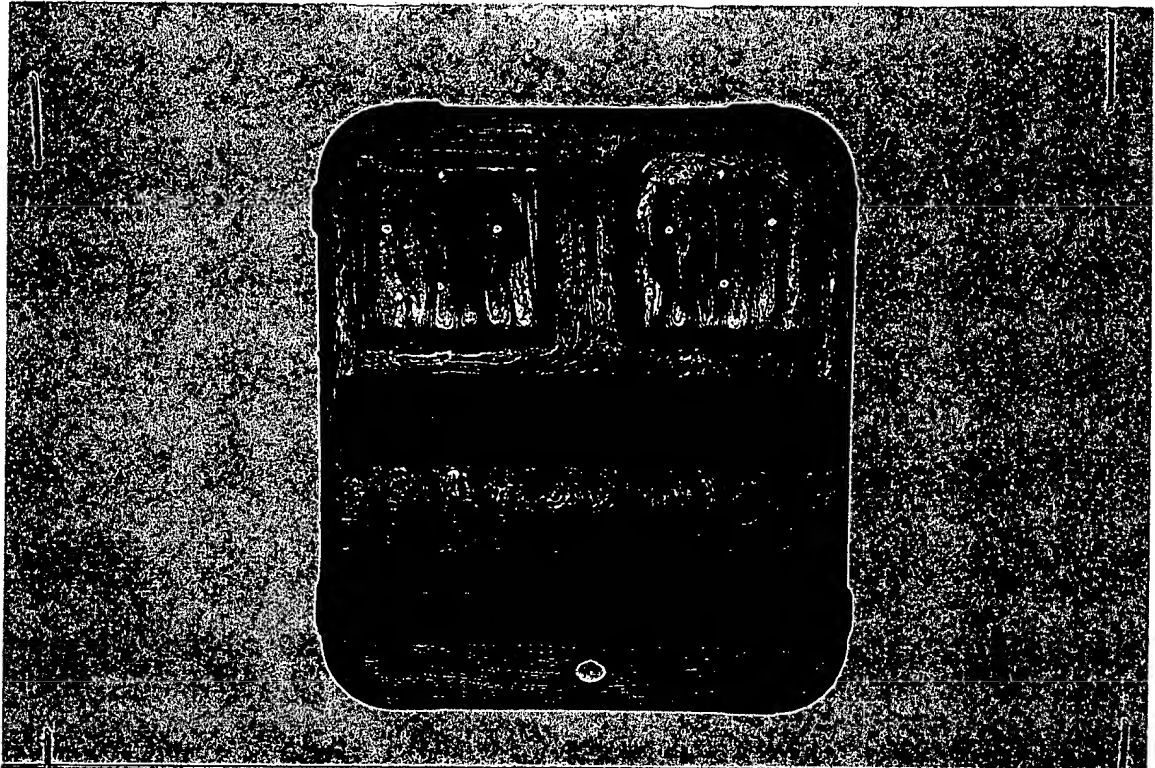


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